

## Hot time for rescue crews

### Quick action saves home, woods from fire

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Captain Rob Reardon and firefighter Tim Geary stretch a long hose across a yard on Lover's Lane to try to extinguish a fire that engulfed a shed in the woods on August 11.

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The quick work of Duxbury fire fighters in putting out two separate fires recently prevented further damage to a home and stopped a potential wildfire.

Last week, fire fighters responded to a "frantic call from a neighbor" of a house at 43 Bolas Road at 8 a.m. stating the house was on fire and the family was still inside, said Duxbury Fire Captain Rob Reardon.

Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord was the first on scene and reported a deck fire.

"The building was evacuated and we quickly knocked the fire down with the first engine that arrived," Reardon said. "Then we checked for extension (of the fire) into the house. The crews were on scene less than an hour.

The preliminary cause of the August 8 fire "appears to be careless disposal of smoking material," Reardon said.

Three days later, fire fighters responded to a shed fire at 23 Lover's Lane in the early afternoon. The 10 by 15 foot shed was "fully involved," Reardon said on a day when the heat index was "way over 100 degrees." Fire crews worked hard in the blazing heat to extinguish the flames.

"It was in the woods and there were some pretty large trees burning around it" when the fire crews got there, according to Reardon. "We were able to contain it all. The crews got in fast and did a great job."

The cause of the shed fire was an unattended candle, said Reardon.

The past few weeks have been extra busy for Duxbury crews who have been responding to many emergencies all over town.

"We have had very serious incidents lately with medicals, accidents and traumas," Reardon said. "The fire fighters were running like crazy last week and they've been doing a great job."

On August 8, crews responded to a report of a male bicyclist hit by a vehicle on Route 53 and Birch Street.

“Crews arrived to find a man down in the road and they transported him to the South Shore Hospital trauma center,” Reardon said. “He suffered some serious injuries.”

No word was available on the biker’s identity or condition.

On Monday afternoon, fire fighters rescued three kids stuck in the mud with their kayaks off Landing Road beach. The fire department dispatched a crew in a small boat over to Howland’s Landing to try to help via water while two other fire fighters put on survival suits to brave the mud and reach the boys, who, Reardon said, were young teens under 13.

“We were able to get them out and we helped them get their boat and made sure they were safe,” Reardon said “We helped them wash up, checked them for injuries and they were on their way. Every body was A-OK and they learned a lesson about the mud.”



Duxbury firefighters have been extremely busy this week. Clockwise from top left: They work to put out a shed fire on Lover’s Lane on August 11; help a bicyclist hit by a car on Route 53 at Birch Street August 8; rescue three boys stuck in the mud on Monday and drag a hose to reach the trees on fire on Lover’s Lane. Photos courtesy Duxbury Fire Department